

oppressive tariffs on the transportation of their products to the markets of the world, and

WHEREAS, In order to make this great national highway answer the full measure of its usefulness in affording greater facilities and safer passage for vessels of larger tonnage, it is of the utmost importance that the work on the rapids of the upper and lower Mississippi should be speedily completed.

Be it therefore resolved, that our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to advocate and vote for in congress such measures as will most speedily and successfully secure this result.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward copies of this preamble and resolution to the president of the senate of the United States and to the speaker of the house of representatives with a request that they may be laid before each house of congress and that copies be sent to each senator and member of congress from this state.

Approved January 28, 1876.

N U M B E R 3 .

DES MOINES RIVER LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The title to the lands known as lands of the Des Moines River grant, up and along the Des Moines river above the mouth of the Raccoon Fork, after long years of litigation are still unsettled,

THEREFORE, Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to use their utmost influence, and so vote for such congressional legislation, as will as far as just and practicable, secure the settlers on the lands of said grant, titles to their homes, and forever settle the title to and ownership of the lands of this grant.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be and is hereby instructed to forward a duly certified copy of the foregoing preamble and joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 3, 1876.

N U M B E R 4 .

GIVING CREDIT FOR FUNDS STOLEN FROM BREMER COUNTY TREASURY.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

WHEREAS, On the 2d day of January, 1862, the sum of \$2,086.73, belong-

ing to the general revenue of the state of Iowa, was robbed from the treasury of Bremer county, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Proof has been furnished to the auditor of the state of Iowa, by evidence in writing, that said county of Bremer had at the date aforesaid a suitable safe for the safe keeping of said funds and in which at the time of the robbery or theft the same were deposited, and that the proper officers had used due care for the protection of said funds, and have used due diligence for the recovery of the money aforesaid, and the arrest of the criminals; and that notwithstanding the said sum remains irrecoverable, and charged against said county, and that said county ought to be discharged from liability therefor;

Therefore, the auditor of state is hereby authorized and directed to give the said county of Bremer credit for \$1,835.05-100, the amount still charged against said county, which said amount was robbed from the treasury of said county as aforesaid.

Provided, That if all or any part of said amount of money shall at any time be recovered the same shall be accounted for and paid into the state treasury.

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NUMBER 5.

HOMESTEAD LAW.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to a Modification of the Homestead Law.

WHEREAS, The United States land offices as at present established in this state, are remote from a large portion of the lands now held under homestead claims, and

WHEREAS, The homestead laws as construed by the commissioner of the general land office, require the settler to appear at the land office of his district in person to submit his final homestead proof, and

WHEREAS, Said requirement causes great and unnecessary expense to the settlers and subserves no good purpose, therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to vote for and use their influence to secure such an amendment to the homestead laws as shall allow the homestead settler to make his final proof before the clerk of the court of the county in which the land is located.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be instructed to forward as soon as *practicably* [practicable] a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 24, 1876.